Activities of foreign terrorists in J&K

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign terrorist groups are active in Jammu and Kashmir on large scale even today;

{b) whether it is also a fact that heads of the terrorist outfits, officers, etc. give directions to them from across the border;

(c) if so, the details of such outfits; and

(d) the details of action being taken by Government to curb such outfits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The available inputs suggest that the leaders of these terrorist outfits are located in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (PoK)/Pakistan and give directions to them from across the border

(c) The major foreign terrorist outfits active in Jammu and Kashmir are Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) and Jaish-e-Muhamad (JeM).

(d) The Government in tandem with the State Government, have adopted a multi-pronged approach, to contain cross-border infiltration/terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, which includes, *inter alia,* strengthening of border management and multi-tiered and multi-modal deployment along International Border/Line of Control and near the ever changing infiltration routes, construction of border fencing, improved technology, weapons and equipment for security forces, improved intelligence and operational coordination and synergising intelligence flow to check infiltration and pro-active action against the terrorists within the State. The counter infiltration/terrorism efforts are reviewed periodically at various levels in the State Government (including the two Unified Headquarters headed by the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir) and in the Central Government.

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